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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a response to Office Action mailed March 16, 2005 (18 pages). It is believed that no fees are due but should any further fees be required, please consider this a request for appropriate extension of time and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1922.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed March 16, 2005, Applicant submits the following remarks and amendments. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.